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Subject: FW: PFAS in Pesticides

Mike, I'm not clear on why he wants to discuss this with the states?

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Anyway, my two cents. He might want to caveat the discussion.

Thanks.

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Got it, I'll add to the agenda. Thanks, Ed.

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One question I have is what is their lab capacity and capacity of other states.

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Got it, thanks, Ed. Will focus first on a call with R1, MA, ME, and VT. I'm working with Nancy Barmakian and her staff in R1 to identify state regulatory officials for this call.

A second call would then include the same group plus PEER and CLF.

Regarding agenda topics, I'm reaching out to Maine to inquire on this. Please let me know if there are any topics we'd like to include as well.

Thanks,

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Just us first then PEER and CLA.

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Also, re-reading Megan/Maine's initial request – they've asked that we hold this call with PEER and CLA. Do we want to open to PEER and CLA or keep to EPA Region 1 and MA/ME/VT?

Thanks,

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Thanks, Ed – got it. Will proceed with a NE Call. I'm moving forward the same folks on the EPA HQ side though a couple questions for Marietta and Jeff:

Marietta – would you still like me to include Jackie and Jennifer?

Jeff – still good to include OPPT Dan H. and Dave W.?

I'll also identify folks from EPA Region 1 as well on this.

Thanks,

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Northeast first would be my recommendation.

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Good morning all,

Before beginning coordination for a North East states call, do we want to consider opening this up to all states? The letter from CLF seems directed to Massachusetts, Vermont, and Maine at the moment, though the requests they're making mirror questions/issues many states are facing across the country. The CLF request (copied below for convenience) are state agency level requests, and not EPA request; however, states may look to EPA for guidance/info. on current PFAS testing to inform their path forward.

It may be the case that we really do want to keep this to the NE states at this point, just posing the question in case it's worth considering. There will also be a PFAS session at the upcoming June 7-8 SFIREG meeting, so that venue could also be used for the PFAS update.

CLF requests to Maine

Prohibit or suspend distribution and use of pesticides shown to contain PFAS;

(2) Develop and implement a plan to test all pesticide products registered in Maine for PFAS contamination, prioritizing the most commonly used pesticides in the state;

(3) Develop and implement a comprehensive environmental testing program to test for PFAS in areas where PFAS-contaminated pesticides have been applied, with a focus on comparing PFAS levels in such areas with PFAS levels in areas where contaminated pesticides have not been applied;

(4) Coordinate with the Department of Health and Human Services and other state agencies to develop a comprehensive plan for investigating the issue of PFAS contamination in pesticides including identifying and addressing environmental contamination and potential health impacts; and

(5) Schedule a meeting with the undersigned staff from CLF and PEER to discuss the issue further.

Thanks,

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Got it, I'll start coordinating on the participant list and dates/times.

Thanks, Kimberly!

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Hey Sandra – heads up: looks like we'll be scheduling a call with the NE states as well.

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Thanks Ed. I just heard about this from the Vermont Environmental Commissioner this morning.

On May 17, 2021, at 1:58 PM, Messina, Edward <Messina.Edward@epa.gov> wrote:

Megan,

We would be happy to chat with you and the other states about this issue. Adding Kimberly who is our OPP lead on this issue and others.

Ed

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Good afternoon Ed,

Massachusetts, Vermont and Maine have all received emails and letters similar to those attached. I've reached out to the other states in Region 1 and AAPCO to see if a similar letter was received. Indiana, Virginia, North Carolina and Florida indicated that they have not yet seen anything.

Given the push for action in the letter and the national nature of this issue, would EPA be willing to participate in or host a meeting with the contacted states, CLF and PEER—assuming other folks are interested in this.

I'm happy to have a brief chat if that is easier/more efficient.

Thank you,

Megan

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Good morning Commissioner Loyzim, Commissioner Beal and Director Patterson,

Attached please find a letter from my CLF colleagues Sara Dewey and Colin Antaya and our colleagues at PEER, Tim Whitehouse and Kyla Bennett concerning the alarming levels of PFAS in pesticides and the need to take action on this issue. Thank you for your work on this issue in general and we hope to make further progress on the threat from these forever chemicals. Sean

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